



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Town Council

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**Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson**

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**Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

**7:30 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1**

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#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

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#### **I. ROLL CALL**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Mayor Streeter.*

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Watson

*Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent, and Executive Assistant Nicki Bresnayan.*

#### **II. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **2009-0161 SEA-CMEEC Proposed Electric Generating Facilities**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT AND AN EASEMENT USE  
CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SITING OF AUXILIARY ELECTRIC POWER  
GENERATORS

WHEREAS, Sustainable Energy Analytics (SEA) and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) have proposed to place diesel powered electric generators in Groton to provide extra power for peak needs, and

WHEREAS, SEA-CMEEC has stated that harmful emissions from the diesel engines, such as sulfur and particulates will be at the lowest levels available with current technology, and

WHEREAS, SEA-CMEEC wishes to place generators on a Town-owned site adjacent to Gary Court where there is an existing easement from the Town of Groton to the City of Groton, operating as Groton Utilities, that does not specifically permit electric generating facilities, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council now wishes to enter into a lease with SEA-CMEEC to allow the construction, operation and maintenance of two diesel generators, and

WHEREAS, it is also proposed that the Town of Groton, the City of Groton, and the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative enter into an Easement Use Consent Agreement as an amendment of an existing easement from the Town of Groton in favor of Groton Utilities, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission considered this matter, under C.G.S. 8-24 at their meeting of October 27, 2009, and sent to the Town Council a favorable report with two recommended conditions which SEA-CMEEC has undertaken to perform, and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2009, the Town Council held a public hearing on the proposed lease, now be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may execute the lease Agreement and the Easement Use Consent Agreement referred to herein, along with all ancillary documents that may be required.

**A motion was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted**

as Amended.

*Councilor Sheets feels that the motion should reflect SEA-CMEEC's offer to address the suggestions made by the Planning Commission.*

*MOTION TO AMEND the sixth "WHEREAS" paragraph to read "WHEREAS, the Groton Planning Commission considered this matter, under C.G.S. 8-24 at their meeting of October 27, 2009, and sent to the Town Council a favorable report with two recommended conditions which SEA-CMEEC has undertaken to perform, and" was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Monteiro.*

*VOTE on Motion to Amend passed unanimously.*

**The motion carried unanimously**

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro and so voted unanimously.*

*Attest:*

*Barbara Tarbox, Town Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*

*Nicki Bresnayan, Executive Assistant*